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RAILWAYS
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FUNDS FOR RAIL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has made any formal request to Finance Ministry for additional funds to finance its long pending projects; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the projects for which funds sought?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Railways has been projecting its requirement of additional funds/Budgetary Support, to take care of the heavy shelf of ongoing Railway projects, to the Ministry of Finance through Planning Commission.

Railways has sought increased Budgetary Support to the extent of Rs.5,500 Crores per annum during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, excluding the funds to be provided for Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) and diesel cess.

Funds are not sought State-wise. Allocation of funds against projects is however undertaken on the basis of the system indicated in Hon'ble Minister of Railways' Budget Speech 2002, for State-wise distribution of funds.